

BOB FULKERSON: Good afternoon. My name is

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16 Bob Fulkerson. I am the State Director of the
17 Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, and I've been
18 working on this issue for almost 20 years now, back when
19 I had hair, as a matter of fact.

20 Today, though, I don't have a lot of
21 substantive or scientific-based comments to make because,
22 frankly, you don't listen and you don't really care about
23 those issues. You have a politically expedient goal,
24 which is to get this dump built come hell or high water,
25 so I won't go into those issues. I won't go into the

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1 fact that this is another extension of the battle days of
2 the Atomic Energy Commission when Nevadans were used as
3 guinea pigs for federal nuclear experiments, when we were
4 told just to wipe the white fallout off of our
5 windshields, that it was safe, don't worry about it,
6 which is a fact that's totally belied by the thousands of
7 crosses in the graveyard downwind of the Nevada Test Site
8 in Nevada and Utah.

9 What I would like to go into, though, is the
10 farce of these hearings and the farce of you folks
11 sitting up here and even us basically participating in
12 this sham, because that's what it is, it's a sham, and,

13 you know, I feel somewhat used coming here today and
14 speaking, but, you know, I won't remain silent. I feel
15 used and I feel it's a sham because for 20 years we've
16 basically been saying the same thing, that the site is
17 technically indefensible and that it is a politically
18 expedient goal that you're shooting for and that these
19 hearings really don't mean much.

20 I mean, if these hearings mean anything, when
21 did you send out the notices for these hearings? Friday
22 for a hearing that's on Wednesday, and you want to hear
23 the general public speak? What a bunch of garbage. You
24 know, if you were really interested in what we thought,
25 you would have given us more notice. You know, I don't

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1 know what your position is with the Department of Energy,
2 but I thought it was fascinating that the Secretary was
3 holding hearings in Reno and Las Vegas recently and the
4 Secretary is holding these hearings. Has the Secretary
5 ever set foot in our state before? I don't think so.

6 One of the best days of my life was sneaking
7 onto the top of Yucca Mountain recently and going up
8 there and looking around and really getting a feel for
9 that mountain, and I've been up there on several

10 occasions, not on the little dog-and-pony propaganda tour
11 that you folks lead, and it's amazing the life that's on
12 that mountain, the desert tortoises, the plant life, the
13 animal life, even the rocks, and that mountain has a
14 spirit to it just like all of the Great Basin does, and
15 it's been exploited, it's been taken from, it's been run
16 riot over with so little given back to it, but it still
17 keeps giving and giving and giving.

18 And I think that though I know that this
19 high-level radioactive waste dump, putting long-lived
20 radioactive toxic materials into the soul of our Great
21 Basin is going to have unforeseen and profound
22 consequences that I will never stand by and allow to
23 happen, and, you know, these hearings seem really tame,
24 but I can guarantee that we're not going to sit idly by
25 and let this happen, that Nevadans are totally fed up

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1 with this and that we have allies all over the country
2 who are as well, and the best you can do is to dump your
3 plan.

4 Thanks.